revised ERP. NMFS will evaluate all comments received and will consider making additional revisions to the ERP to incorporate public comments.

Furthermore, the Opinion requires a number of other management initiatives. In fulfilling one of these requirements, a rule is being prepared to establish special sea turtle management areas and/or contingency restrictions to the shrimp fishery (60 FR 47544, September

13, 1995). Such rulemaking will be done through normal rulemaking procedures, including publication of a proposed rule with a public comment period and, as appropriate, public hearings, prior to publication of a final rule with a delayed effective date. Public comments which provide alternative management measures for ensuring successful operation of the shrimp trawl fishery while promoting recovery of sea turtle

populations may be used in the development of a proposed rule. Such comments are therefore specifically solicited. All comments received on this ERP will also be considered during that rulemaking.

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## APPENDIX TO STATEMENT OF POLICY—TABLES

TABLE 1.—SEA TURTLE INDICATED TAKE LEVEL (ITL) FOR SHRIMP FISHERY STATISTICAL ZONES [Zones 1–3, 6–17, 21, and 24 are not included in the table because the ITL is 2 for all weeks in these Zones. There is no Zone 22 or 23.]

Gulf of Mexico		Zone 4	Zone 5	Zone 18	Zone 19	Zone 20	Zone 25	Zone 26	Zone 27	Zone 28
Week	Week period	ITL	ITL	ITL	ITL	ITL	ITL	ITL	ITL	ITL
1	1/1–1/7	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	2
2	1/8–1/14	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	4	2
3	1/15–1/21	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	4	2
4 5	1/22–1/28 1/29–2/4	2 2 2	2 2 2	2 2 2	2 2	2 2	2 2	2 2 2 2	5 5	2 2 3
7 8	2/5–2/11 2/12–2/18 2/19–2/25	2 2	2 2	2 2	2 2 2	2 2 2	2 2 2	2 2	6 5 4	3
9 10 11	2/26–3/4	2 2 2	2 2 2	2 2 2	2 2 2	2 2 2	2 2 2	3 3 3	5 5 4	2 3 3
12 13 14	3/19–3/25 3/26–4/1 4/2–4/8	2 2 2	3 2 2	2 2 2	2 2 2	3 3	2 2 2	3 3 3	5 6 5	3 5 6
15	4/9–4/15	2	2	2	2	4	2	2	5	6
16	4/16–4/22	2	2	3	2	4	2	3	6	6
17	4/23–4/29	2	3	3	2	4	2	4	7	6
18	4/30–5/6	3	3	4	2	3	2	4	7	5
19	5/7–5/13	3	3	3	2	3	2	4	7	6
20	5/14–5/20	3	4	2	2	2	2	5	7	6
21	5/21–5/27	3	3	2	2	2	2	6	7	5
22	5/28–6/3	3	2	2	2	2	3	5	6	7
23	6/4–6/10	2	2	2	2	2	2	5	5	7
24	6/11–6/17	3	2	2	2	2	2	5	5	6
25	6/18–6/24	3	2	2	2	2	2	5	5	5
26	6/25–7/1	2	2	3	2	2	2	5	4	5
27	7/2–7/8	2	2	3	3	2	2	5	4	4
28	7/9–7/15	2	2	3	3	2	2	5	4	3
29	7/16–7/22	2	2	3	3	2	2	5	5	4
30	7/23–7/29	2	2	4	4	2	2	4	4	5
31	7/30–8/5	2	2	3	2	2	2	3	4	5
32	8/6–8/12	2	2	2	2	2	2	4	4	4
33	8/13–8/19	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	4	4
34	8/20–8/26	2	2	3	2	2	2	3	3	4
35	8/27–9/2	2	2	3	2	2	2	3	4	4
36	9/3–9/9	2	2	3	2	2	2	3	4	4
37	9/10–9/16	2	2	4	2	2	2	2	4	4
38	9/17–9/23	2	2	4	2	2	2	2	4	4
39	9/24–9/30	2	2	4	2	2	2	2	4	4
40	10/1–10/7	2	2	4	2	2	2	2	3	3
41	10/8–10/14	2	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	3
42	10/15–10/21	2	2	2	2	2	2 2 2	2	2	3
43	10/22–10/28	2	2	2	2	2		2	2	3
44	10/29–11/4	2	2	2	2	2		2	2	2
45 46 47	11/5–11/11 11/12–11/18 11/19–11/25	2 2 2	2 2 2	2 2 2	2 2 2	2 2 2	2 2 2	2 2 2	2 2 2	2 2 2
48 49 50	11/26–12/2 12/3–12/9 12/10–12/16	2 2 2	2 2 2	2 2 2	2 2 2	2 2 2	2 2 2	2 2 2	2 2 2	2 2 2
51	12/17–12/23 12/24–12/31	2 2	2 2	2 2	2 2	2 2	2 2	2 2	2 3	2 2